Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Of the 400 shops nearly 200 are located within 40 yards of the road. May I know whether the Government have any motive in having these shops very near the road?

Mr. C. V. Antony.—No motive whatever.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Then, what is the special reason?

Mr. C. V. Antony.—In fact we cannot get suitable sites. As far as possible shops are being located 40 yards away or even 30 yards as the nature of the place will make it possible to do.

Caste-war statement of Head Constables and Constables in the Police Department.

49. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to place on the Table a caste-war statement of(1) Head Constables,(2) Constables at present in the Police Department of the State;

(b) how many Head Constables have been appointed by promotion or by direct recruitment by the present Commissioner of Police and a caste-war statement of such promoted or recruited?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—

	Head Constables	Constables
Nayars	33	377
Christians	13	94
Muslims	3	50
Ezhuvas	7	46
Brahmins	9	3
Pillas	3	8
Eluthassans	..	17
Pandarans	..	3
Goldsmith	...	1
Valans	1	11
Kongins	1	4
Barbers	....	4
Washermen	..	5
Chalians	..	3
	70	626

	By promotion.	By direct recruitment.
Nayars	3	nil
Christians	1	nil

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Ezhuvas	1	1
Brahmins	1	1
	6	2

Villages Comprising the Pazhayannur Constituency and Revenue collections.

50. Mr. T. K. Nayar.—Will the Government be pleased to state the names of the villages that comprise Pazhayannur constituency, the land revenue collection of each village for 1104 and their population ?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—Vide statement appended. (*Appendix VII*).

Reduction of Land Revenue due to floods.

51. Mr. T. K. Nayar.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Diwan Peishkar, while visiting Kondazhi village office, received representations from parties affected by the recent floods praying for a reduction of the land revenue of the affected areas;

(2) if so, were any orders passed ?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—(1) Yes.

(2) The Tahsildar was personally directed to make recommendations in the matter.

Shifting of the Maharaja's College.

52. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state what action has been taken regarding the shifting of the Ernakulam College to Anappara ?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—The draft declaration for the acquisition of the site is awaited from the Diwan Peishkar. The preparation of estimate and plan is engaging the attention of the Public Works Department.

Defalcation in the Stamp Office.

53. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether defalcations in the Office of the Superintendent of Stamps have been recently found out; if so, the name of the officer and the amount defalcated by him;

(b) the number of times he defalcated and the names of the Superintendents in whose times each defalcation took place;

(c) the officer who detected the defalcation;

(d) the date of each defalcation;

(e) when was the accounts of the office inspected by the audit department last;

(f) whether any defalcation by the same officer on a previous occasion was detected by the Superintendent at any time

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